

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 1. (Currently Amended) A method for permitting offline playback of a content
2 file on a user computing device upon offline verification of the terms of a license for authorizing
3 the playback of the content file, the method comprising:
4 including within the license a segment which is a part of the content file;
5 upon invoking payback of the content file;
6 identifying the license by using one or more information fields within a header of
7 said content file;
8 verifying the terms of the license locally on the user computing device while the
9 user is offline;
10 retrieving from the license, a session key for decrypting the content file;
11 retrieving from the license, [[a]] the segment which is part of the content file;
12 decrypting the content file using the session key to ~~permit~~ enable playback of the
13 content file for a single session; and
14 combining the segment with the content file to ~~permit~~ enable playback of
15 the content file.

1 2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising receiving the content
2 file and the license from one or more server computing systems.

1 3. (Original) The method of claim 2 further comprising separating the segment
2 from the content file prior to the step of receiving the content file and the license.

1 4. (Original) The method of claim 2 further comprising combining the segment
2 with the license prior to the step of receiving the content file and the license.

1 5. (Original) The method of claim 2 further comprising binding the license to
2 the user computing device so that the content file is playable only on the user computing device
3 prior to the step of receiving the content file and the license.

1 6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising ~~substituting~~
2 replacing the segment with the header in the content file prior to the step of receiving the content
3 file and the license.

1 7. (Currently Amended) A method for permitting offline license verification, and
2 for enabling playback of a content file on a user computing device, the method comprising:
3 receiving the content file from a computing system communicatively coupled to
4 the user computing device, said content file including a header containing one or more
5 information fields;

6 receiving the license from a computing system communicatively coupled to the
7 user computing device;

8 ~~optionally, storing both the content file and license within the user computing~~
9 ~~device to enable future playback of the content file;~~

10 ~~retrieving the content file having a header containing one or more information~~
11 ~~fields;~~

12 identifying the license by using the one or more information fields within said
13 header;

14 verifying the terms of the license locally on the user computing device while the
15 user is offline;

16 retrieving from the license, a session key for decrypting the content file;

17 retrieving from the license, a segment which is part of the content file;

18 decrypting the content file using the session key to ~~permit~~ enable playback for a
19 single session; and

20 combining the segment with the content file to ~~permit~~ enable playback.

1 8. (Original) The method of claim 7 further comprising separating the first
2 segment from the content file prior to the step of receiving the content file from a computing
3 system.

1 9. (Original) The method of claim 7 further comprising combining the first
2 segment with the license prior to the step of receiving the license from a computing system.

1 10. (Currently Amended) A system for managing rights to a content file within a
2 computer network, and to permit offline verification of a license for authorizing playback of the
3 content file offline, the system comprising:

4 a key for decrypting the content file;

5 a first content portion which is part of the content file;

6 a license for decrypting the content file, the license containing both the key and
7 the first content portion;

8 a first computer system for generating the content file, the first computer system
9 further comprising,

10 ~~a header which contains a first field for having identification information;~~

11 software containing one of more instructions for creating a the header, said
12 header comprising a first field having identification information.

13 software containing one or more instructions for generating the key,

14 software containing one or more instructions for encrypting the content
15 file, and for removing the first content portion from the content file and substituting the header
16 therefor thereof;

17 a second computer system for receiving the content file from the first computer
18 system and for receiving the license, the second computer system further comprising,

19 software containing one or more instructions for verifying the terms of the
20 license locally on the second computer system while the user is offline;

21 software containing one or more instructions for decrypting the content
22 file using the key, upon receipt of the license, and

23 software containing one or more instructions for combining
24 the first content portion with the content file to ~~permit~~ enable playback of the content file.

1 11. (Currently Amended) A system for managing rights to a content file within a
2 computer network, and to permit offline verification of said rights, the system comprising:
3 a key for decrypting the content file;
4 a first content portion which is part of the content file;
5 a license for decrypting the content file, the license containing both the key and
6 the first content portion;
7 a first computer system for generating the content file, the first computer system
8 further comprising,
9 software containing one or more instructions for encrypting the content
10 file, and for removing the first content portion from the content file and substituting a the header
11 therefor thereof;
12 a second computer system for receiving the content file from the first computer
13 system and for receiving the license, the second computer system further comprising,
14 software containing one or more instructions for identifying the license
15 using the header;
16 software containing one or more instructions for verifying the terms of the
17 license locally on the second computer system while the user is offline;
18 software containing one or more instructions for decrypting the content
19 file using the key, to ~~permit~~ enable playback of the content file while the user is offline; and
20 software containing one or more instructions for combining
21 the first content portion with the content file to ~~permit~~ enable playback of the content file.

1 12. (Original) The system of claim 11 wherein the header contains one or more
2 information fields for identifying the license.

1 13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11 wherein the first computer
2 system has software containing one or ~~of~~ more instructions for creating the header.

1 14. (Original) The system of claim 11 wherein the first computer system has
2 software containing one or more instructions for generating the key.

1 15. (New) The method of claim 7 further comprising storing both the content
2 file and the license within the user computing device to enable future playback of the content
3 file.